"On condition that you come to our

house and take dinner with us to-mor-

Harley gave her a grateful look. He

felt that the candidate's wife approved

of him, and he liked the approval of those who evidently knew how to think.

with Jimmy Grayson as a friend than as

"I am honored, Mrs. Grayson," he said, "and I shall be happy to come."
Then he left them, and when he passed

types and with various requests were

Mr. Grayson's Intention of going at

one suspected,

# THE CANDIDATE

a Presidential convention in the hour of

son, somewhat dryly; "but I really do

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## CHAPTER I.

The Nominee. The huge convention hall still rang

were bound to recognize it; the sense felt a moment of embarrassment, but his of dependency upon the Old World in long experience and natural poise came of dependency upon the Old World in certain matters which applied to the mental state rather than anything material was almost gone; the Democracy had grown more democratic and the related grown more democratic and the related grown more democratic and the related grown within the lated in our former talk."

Mr. Grayson glanced at his wife, and other," he murmured. The conventions of the black walter who served to stay in it until the last battle was fought.

He took out the telegram from his editor faces the marks of haste and impatience. As the people hurried to and fro, the lack was still, in many respects, new to him.

Mr. Grayson glanced at his wife, and of many tongues arose. There was nearly every accent of Europe, but the Graysons, and he noticed the bubling in the lack walter who served to stay in it until the nary crowd at the station, some leaving, but all bearing upon their faces the marks of haste and impatience. As the people hurried to and fro, the lack was still, in many respects, new to him.

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"You can go in there and wait. You have foregiver and for the lack walter who served was nearly every accent of Europe, but the station, and the station, and the station, and the station in the station, and the station is the base was for from liking it. chief correspondent of one of the great-est journals in the world would not leave not begrudge it. It was felt by everybody in either party that it would be wiser to nominate a Western man, and, birth to secure an irrelevant interview. the first having done so, the second, as ell knew it must, now followed the good

example Moreover, both conventions had nominated "dark horses," but the second Harley, with emphasis. ray hair in his head, tall, power-built, smooth-shaven, and with honuilt, smooth-shaven, and with hones that gazed straight into yours.

Sknown as a brave man, with fine
Gazette what your programme would be
While he sat in the huge lobby waltMrs es that gazed straight into yours. lity, but he had come to the conmerely as a delegate, and with- ately any thought of securing the nomifor himself. Not a single vote ad been instructed for him, but in that ay his opportunity. All the conspicuous life never to answer hypothetical questandidates were weak; good men in themselves, a solid political objection could he said. be raised against every one of them, and for a while the voting was scattered and desultory. Then Grayson began to attract attention; as a delegate he had make a jest, and the hour was unfitting.

The boy came back with a message that Mr. Grayson were soon noticed. His picture had been staring at them all from the front page of the newspapers, and here was the reality, too like to be overlooked. There was a sudden delay in the crowd:

lightly at first, the suggestion soon made a strong appeal to the delegates. Nothing could be urged against Grayson; the was quite young, it was true, but the was quite young, it was true, but the was quite young, it was true, but the was quite young it was true, but the was quite young it was true, but the was quite young grass bent lightly at first, the suggestion soon the levitation. Mrs. Grayson, at the invitation. Mrs. Grayson, at the invitation. Mrs. Grayson, at the same moment, came from the inner room, awkward feeling, and he was glad to he was glad to the invitation. Mrs. Grayson, at the same moment, came from the inner room, awkward feeling, and he was glad to he invitation. Mrs. Grayson, at the same moment, came from the inner room, awkward feeling, and he was glad to he invitation. Mrs. Grayson, at the paign-the odds were heavily in favor

heard the report, nor could he ever nvinced that he would be nominated; he regarded the whole thing as take it from others." absurd, a few votes, no more, might be east for him, but, as was fit and decent, withdrew from the hall. All those man. whose names were before the convention were expected to remain at home or else-where in the city, and Jimmy Grayson about to be tal-

was an intuitive sense, a sort of preintion that the battalions were closfor the final conflict, and be offer.

Transping inthe creased and paused at her door. Then
the crewd poured into the room and
hailed the victor.

Harley slipped to one side for the final conflict, and he did not bt the result. He had just returned had been notified already, but the corthe result. He had just returned had been notified already, but the correspondent never ceased to watch Jimmy rld, where he had been present as the espondent of a great New York nal on many battlefields, and he often ed this strained, breathless feeling the moment had come, just before combat was joined. Now this conon hall was none the less a battleugh the weapons were ballots, At midnight the flood tide pt in, bearing Grayson on its crest, when they saw that he was everybody flocked to him, making until it is all over, election night."

again, then he stepped out and ran and beyond the great city lay the influ-now became more attractive, swiftly down the street. A fat policeman, ence of Europe, of that Old World to "We leave at 11 o'clock for

unknown, from things near at hand to

children there are genuine kindergartens

-actual, growing, out-door gardens-in which they can work as well as play, and

gain a first-hand knowledge of the living world. The older child begins his study

of geography by making an excursion to a commanding place from which he can

his long stay abroad he had returned western Europe and a half-dozen Northwith a renewed sense, not alone of the ern coast states of the American Union; power and might of his own country, beyond this center of light lay a shadow a sentinel, but as one of our little part, but also of its goodness; it was here, land, growing darker as the distance from if you will, on one condition," she said. and here alone, that all careers were the central rays increased, inhabited by SCHOOLS OF WASHINGTON. Kansas City Minister Commends the Object Lesson Teaching Practiced. From the Kansas City Journal. "The Public Schools in Washington" was the subject of Charles Ferguson's tion of the time-piece. The Corcoran Art Gallery, the Congressional Library, and was the subject of Charles Ferguson's sermon at All Souls' Church. He said in Of all the municipalities in America it its validity upon the extraordinary re-is in the public school system of the sources of the National Capital. At the

his horizon. He studies botany in the fields and biology in the great zoological garden of the Capital. He is taken to Six Wealthy Men Control the Stock the National Museum to form his notions of the business of transportation from the models of ships and locomotives that he finds there, or to investigate the evoluthe halls of the Capitol all yield him their spring flowers. True, their colors are various lessons. But it is not to be ingrouped within a very narrow range of ferred that the new method depends for national Capital City that the new educa-Lewis-Champlin school, in Chicago, Miss Kate Kellogg has devised a curriculum tional method has been best exemplified. In the Washington schools the practice that is perhaps even truer to the new principle. There reading, writing, and arithmetic have been come at through an investigation by the children of the procof life is put before all theories of living. There the old sedentary habits and textbook methods are largely abandened. The esses of city building, city protection, child's mind is led from the known to the and public sanitation. What vivid mathe matics and natural philosophy in a fire engine house! What chance for rascally things remote Under the superintend-ency of W. B. Powell there was inauguontractors will there be when all the rated some years ago a pedagogically scientific system of object lessons and children are figuring on the paying! What rest for torpid manufacturers, when ten-year-olds begin to spell and parse feelteaching out-of-doors. For the smallest

ingly on the smoke-nulsance! Good Cause.

From Illustrated Bits. Stern Parent-From my observations of a commanding place from which he can him last night I came to the conclusion the band of six dies, his bulbs of the view the topography of his home town that that young man of yours was rather exclusive daffodils are to be distributed

wild.

Daughter—Of course. It was you that monopolistic club. Under this compact, and its environments; he is then prepared wild. to return to the school room, and with Dau, the aid of relief-maps—not the flat maps made him wild. He wanted you to go of ordinary text-books he can enlarge upstairs and leave us alone.

open to all; nowhere else in the world people, worthy no doubt, but merely

with the thunders of applause, and most It was this thought that thrilled him. him in this opinion, which, perhaps, was of the delegates were on their feet shout- and it was why he wished to be the first due more to literature than to anything

apparently lay in the shadow might have

first week in June, and the election would be in the first week of November; before him lay five months of stress and perhaps the Babel coarse, vulgar, and sordid; but storm, but he thought of it only wit

"If I can serve you, Mr. Harley, I shall be glad to do so," said Jimmy Gray-Harley always traveled light, carry- tion in the world, and that fact he knew hall be glad to do so," said Jimmy Graying on, somewhat drayly; "but I really always traveled light, carrying only two valiese, and an hour sufficed for his packing. Then, like the old campaigner that he was, he slept soundly, larley, with emphasis.

He listened a moment, but he did not the bottle at which the Graysons were cased. In the fresh morning air it was a frage of the bottle at which the Graysons were cased. In the fresh morning air it was a frage of the bottle at which the Graysons were cased. In the fresh morning air it was a frage of the bottle at which the Graysons were cased. In the fresh morning air it was a frage of relief of the bottle at which the Grayson, and a faint, the shift of the hotel at which the Grayson, and a faint, the thin the world, and that fact he knew was not bad.

Through the station windows he saw the tall buildings rise floor on floor, and the travel was not bad.

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Through the station windows he saw and fork, as if the penalty of greatness, and fork, as if the James Madison. Grayson, affectionately called Jimmy Grayson by his neighbors of any telephone bell. Both Mr. and Mrs. of parker of the two. Harley with emphasis.

It designs the did not be to the hotel at which the Graysons were ceased. In the fresh morning air it was beautiful to the hotel at which the Grayson, and a faint, whimsical small overcoat ne muring the United staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. He felt a little hesitation in spiriting, and Harley felt himself a passed over her face, a smile so infectionately staying. admirers, was quite young, without Grayson waited expectantly, curious to gray hair in his head, tall, power- see what he had in mind.

Swarms of people Mr. Grayson had been compelled to receive and how badly he people filled with hope always pleased told him that she understood his con-

Mr. Grayson laughed and glanced again newspapers. The place was filled with at his wife.

Harley returned to their car with the men, talking over the thrilling events of the minutes. In the hastening crowd they world, he talked freely about them. The place was filled with men, talking over the thrilling events of the pair as they approached their own world, he talked freely about them. The place was filled with men, talking over the thrilling events of the pair as they approached their own world, he talked freely about them. The place was filled with men, talking over the thrilling events of the water of the its front page a great picture of the shaven face and massive features of Mr.

spoken two or three times, always briefly, but with grace and to the point, and the people were glad both to see him and to hear him.

"Then you will answer it now," said the hear him.

"There was a sudden delay in the crowd: opened. This man, who was his own usher, was the nominee of a great party, he might become the President of the United States—of ninety million people, didate, not intrusively, but with a kindly At last a far-sighted old man from the same State knew that the moment had come when the convention, staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the same staggering about in the dark, could be led to the same staggering about in the same staggering about in the dark at the same staggering about in the same staggering a "Your meaning is not clear, Mr. Har-ley," he said formation from the youngest and least attache of a legation, had been compelled to go through an infinite amount

The tread of men walking quickly and "It is no secret," replied Harley, also "It is no secret," replied Harley, also

at a young man could bear it better the sound of voices raised in eagerness came to the room. The powerful figure of Jimmy Grayson trembled slightly, that the Gazette, my paper, has instructed me to keep watch over you from now ed me to keep watch over you from now the sound of voices raised in eagerness. "I did not dream of it," he said, as if to himself; "nor have I now sought to once and at great length for its readers every one of your wicked deeds. So I am "Nor have you done so," said Harley, here to tell you that I wish to go along "because it belonged to no with you. You are public property, you know, and you can't escape." Mrs. Grayson stepped forward, as

"I know that," said Jimmy Grayson,

is likely to attack you for some things Harley slipped to one side, and no one and praise you for others. But I am in the committee knew that the nominee here to tell the news."

"Then we are comrades for a long journey," said Jimmy Graysen.

himself for his mighty task. He stood was struck by the difference between this was struck by the difference between this man and many other famous men with and many other famous men with the conready. Harley was proud that this was one of his countrymen, and when his last disapted was filed that night be wired in his editor in New York: "Please send tide trest, the limit it is going to be a great one." And back came the answer: "Stay with him the course of the museums in that city. At two him to the house of Mr. Grayson, and Mr. drawing-room, but the usual berths like and comfortable, with a well-shaded law drawing-room, but the usual berths like and comfortable, with a well-shaded law drawing-room, but the usual berths like and comfortable, with a well-shaded law drawing-room, but the usual berths like and comfortable, with a well-shaded law drawing-room, but the usual berths like and comfortable, with a well-shaded law drawing-room, but the usual berths like and comfortable, with a well-shaded law drawing-room, but the usual berths like and comfortable, with a well-shaded law drawing-room, but the usual berths like and comfortable, with a well-shaded law and outled drawing-room, but the usual berths like and comfortable, with a well-shaded law and comfortable, until it is all over, election night."

Sume a pose and the public would actempted and the pu been turned eastward. To him New York scious of it. His perfect freedom of manlistening to the cheers as they swelled was the ultimate expression of America, ner. which Harley had not liked at first.

"You shall come along, not merely as sentinel, but as one of our little party

Because of their bright colors and in

finite variety of form, the daffodils ap-

peal irresistibly to the lover of hardy

grouped within a very narrow range of

vellow and yellowish white, with a very

few pure white and some of the early kinds have wholly red trumpets

of species and hundreds of varieties, and

and crossed one with another, till only

his way through the maze of modern

In this country are several amateur

who possess fine collections, but I do not

know of any one who has bulbs worth over \$5 each, and from this price down to

5 cents each, hundreds of distinct and beautiful varieties may be selected. Some

English amateurs have bulbs which they

lovers has been formed to buy up any new seeding of special merit which has not yet got into commerce. When one of

bers to pay \$500 for the entire stock of

A close club of six wealthy daffodil

the various sections have been hybridized

There are a host

From the Garden Magazin

such as "Red Star."

introductions.

value at \$250 each.

and he was glad to go.

TRUST IN DAFFODILS. of Exclusive Bulbs.

bulbs, they like it all the better.

WHEN MOTHER COMES.

relations needful on a long campaign

that must be made together.

In the attic overhead.

I hear the strangest whispers Come down the chimney flue, Keeps saying, "you, boo hoo!

And die upon the grate, And shadows come a-creeping And the hour is getting late, I hear the front stairs creaking, As if some one was there-I'd like to run and look, but

Sometimes in the cellar I hear the awfullest things, It makes me get all scary, And have such wonderings! And sometimes, when it's windy,

At night, when I'm left all alone,

the car, accompanied by a certain slow-ing of the pace when they passed the seats in which the Graysons and he sat. They were coming from the other cars, too, and now and then the afsle would

And it would be far pleasanter to travel endless procession of faces moved on. into the hall he saw that the burden of he himself was the cause of it. Yet he greatness was being thrust already upon the Grayson family, as callers of various some, venturing further, asked if he were not the nominee, adding that it was a could a relatively obscure young lawyer forming a chorus for those who had the have been put forward, and peacefully, too, for the headship of 90,000,000 people. The course of Harley's life confirmed it was this thought that thrilled him. In this opinion, which, perhaps, was of newspapers, which hid the faces of to which he had been subjected so long, men, and whenever a front page was and it was now that Harley saw him in of the delegates were on their feet shouting or waving their hats when Harley slipped from his desk and made his way quietly to the little side door leading from the stage. It was all over now but the noise; after a long and despirate fight Grayson, a young lawyer, perate fight Grayson, a young lawyer, and the was the beginning of a friendship, so he had no perate fight Grayson, a young lawyer, and the was the wished to be the first due more to literature than to anything who should tell the young lawyer of it. He had made the acquaintance of Jimmy Grayson the day before; the two had talked for a while about public questions, and each had felt that it was the beginning of a friendship, so he had no hesitation now in making himself an unsupposed herald.

It was all over now but the noise; after a long and destions the noise; after a long and destions the forest the regions which apparently the regions and the alternative than the a

bestation now in making himself an unable dead of course that he can be counted herald. He ran into the hotel, darted up the states, and Harley, alert, eager, and fond of dramatic effects, intended to be the first who should tell him the surprising fact. He paused a moment, with his hand on the door, and, looking out upon the hall with its multitude of hot, excited faces, ran quickly over the events of the last three or four days. Ten thousand people had sat there, hour after hour, waiting for the result, and now the result had come. The rival parties had been no messenger, no telephone call, and the new were all dead or disabled, and the new was all the yet knew nothing, there had been no messenger, no telephone call and the new was all to be add to the complete that they yet knew nothing the had one call and the new was shis to telephone call, and the new was shis to telephone call and the new was shis to telephone call, and the new was shis to telephone call and the new was had to telephone call and the new was shis to telephone call and the new was had to deep the new the complete that they yet knew nothing treat, or presence of unexpected forces; he because the conventions, fire the door, and the provent and the result of the case of the door, and the provent and the result of the case o sometimes condemning. He had been born in the South, in a border State, and born in the south, in a border State, and a faint sound like the light tinkle of a suppressed laugh. Harley started, and omplete Democracy of the candidate and merely that she was tall and slender, and enough light, after all, and, seeing before him a campaign not less exciting than a the press, and there was only the ordi-

eeth in a perpetual smile. Harley appre-

Grayson were soon noticed. His picture from them, too, that the insiders came.

Harley found here that the chief motive as yet was curiosity; the campaign

We did not expect to be gone so long."

She became silent, as if satisfied with the flight of the campaign of the campaig didate, not intrusively, but with a kindly

pasily along any road that seemed the many more privacy I don't think and been compath of light. He mentioned the name of Grayson, putting it forward mildly as it suggestion that he would withdraw at the first opposition, but his very mildes warded off attack. Received rather less ward

was quite young, it was true, but was needed to make a great cambolic was needed to make a great was needed to make a great cambolic was n

Grayson. He saw how the nature of the man rose to the great responsibility that had been put upon him, how he nerved had been put upon him, how he nerved himself for his mighty task. He stood was struck by the difference between this lit was an ordinary Pullman, and Mr.

Thus it was all Jimmy Grayson.

Indians put the captive backwoodsmen, to course, and, hiding the formality of his arelative, but more distantly so.

The snake was caught in the mountains of the captive backwoodsmen, and the dark-red walls of the car rose to the dark-red walls of the car rose forth into the street. Five minutes' walk took him to the house of Mr. Grayson.

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The Maid. Harley's ring was not answered at once,

but as he stood on the step he glanced back at the city, which, in the dark, The whistle blew, the train moved, and reach out with its arms and invite him, inside and said: 'I assure you that I am the real owner

Presently he was aware of an unusual of it-that is, of the name on the card.'

of the servant-girl question, and this development of it amused him. She must be one of those ignorant and stubborn

Harley had heard recently many phases

you in or not. Maybe you are a re-

"Well, and what then?"

'If I am, you can see that I have no You might have a little one hidden un-

"It is night, and cameras are used in "We have electric lights."

Harley began to feel provoked. There Were limits to perverseness, or should be.
"I am expected to dinner by Mr. and
Mrs. Grayson" be said. "Will you kindly
"Excuse me, Miss Morgan," interrupted Mrs. Grayson," he said. "Will you kindly cease to keep me walting and show me in? I shall not steal any of the furni-

The maid was annoyingly calm "Mr. and Mrs. Grayson have not yet returned from a little walk which they were afraid to undertake until it grew dark. she said. "But I think I'll risk it and show you in if you will hold up your hand and swear that you haven't a camera hidden under vour overcoat. Harley's sense of humor came to his aid, and he held np his hand.

"I do solemnly swear," he said. He tried to see the face of this maid, who showed a perversity that was unequaled in an experience by no means limited, but she stood in the duskiest part of the dim hall, and he failed. He knew his face flushed with anger. He had encountered often those who tried to snub and their daring," she persisted. "I am him, and usually he had been able to take not sure that even now he has not a

hem, and who showed two rows of white promised not to steal the furniture, and, as the room contains only a piano, darley, seeking the good, saw in it men clated bim so much that he doubled his table, and some chairs, all of which are and women toiling to better their condition, but, as they were still watched by many eyes in the dining car, he felt a I think that you will keep your promise."

certain nervousness in handling his knife | She sped lightly away, leaving Harley

touch with the fluctuating crowd that passed down the aisle-it was always a each other, and Harley sympathized with man, enduring in silence lectures or part of his duty, as well as his inclina-tion, to know the thoughts and feel-before the wife could claim again that boasted as they breathed. Most of the front page of the newspapers, and here laws of outsiders, because it was outwas the reality, too like to be overlooked. Siders who made the world, and it was the reality as a side-gate, passed through the lawn, Mrs. Grayson, but he kept a side-look the two streams, one flowing the laws, and a minute later were released.

The prairies were in their tenderest the start. There are more than twenty tions, surely, would impress, green, and the young grass bent lightly applications for space on our train, and what could she, a child of the Idaho wilds,

this gaze was meant for him, the sensa-tion was indescribable. It was some-thing to be an object of so much curi-osity, but the thrill was more than offset dining car was repeated, and not long by the weight that it put upon one's ease of manner.

He saw many of the people—it was a curious manifestation—reach out and touch band and a reception committee, and had known him all her life. Harley, all the thing car was repeated, and not long meet. Answerding the people in the home town, and there were a curious manifestation—reach out and touch band and a reception committee, and had known him all her life. Harley, all the triple is a saw a tall, slender girl, with a singularly saw a tall, slender girl, with a singularly as if she curious manifestation—reach out and touch band and a reception committee, and had known him all her life. Harley, all the people—it was a familiarly as if she curious manifestation—reach out and touch band and a reception committee, and had known him all her life. the candidate's sleeve lightly as he passed. But Mr. Grayson, if he knew it, being reminded first by the Graysons that the hand, took it and gave it one little any land, which has the habit of changing about to be taken from her, be t took no notice and marched straight he was to take dinner with them. shake. He feit an unaccountable embar-ahead, all expression discharged from his He spent most of the day wandering rassment. He saw a faint twinkle in the upon occasions, and he was willing that they should keep the task.

When the great fron gate leading to his train was closed behind him, Harley felt a mighty sense of relief. It seemed that the early life of Mr. I amusing in his appearance, and he design the dispatched facts about the early life of Mr. I amusing in his appearance, and he design to that he had made a mistake in coming that he had made a mistake in coming in evening dress. He flushed a little and in evening dress. He flushed a little and felt a slight resentment toward Mrs. Graysen, because she had not told him of the first train was closed behind him, Harley fronted by a serious problem—should one felt a mighty sense of relief. It seemed so far West wear evening clothes or not? to him that he had run a gantlet not But he decided at last in the affirmamoment by an introduction to the third much inferior to that through which the tive, feeling that it would be the safe guest, Mrs. Boyle, an elderly lady, also the rattler.

and wild.

"Uncle James tells me that you are a

"Oh, no; Uncle James is a very polite as it spun past. That mighty West of first at the name and then at him. Har-which he had thought so little seemed to ley, feeling a slight impatience, stepped man, and very considerate of the feelings "Then it is a supposition of your own?" "Oh, no, not a supposition at all; the ward annexation,

try, she is sometimes compared with Catharine II of Russia. She has the ad-

"What proof have you?" she asked, New York newspapers sometimes reach

is, even in Idaho."

Harley did not respond to her banter, thinking it premature, as she had never seen him before. He could not forget the reserve and shyness natural to him, and he felt a sense of hostlity. He endless procession of faces moved on.

The Graysons, following Harley's example, were gazing out of the window at the cheerful country, but the correspondent knew that Mr. Grayson was fully conscious of this human stream, and that she said, still standing in the way, "and so many strange people are coming here now that I don't know whether to show the strong that "be added in the strong that th lute," he decided, "but too Western, entirely too far Western. She needs civilizing." He was rather glad that he was "Or worse; perhaps you are a photogra- going away with Mr. Grayson on the

morrow and would not see her again.
"I should think," she said, "that the
life of a newspaper correspondent is extremely interesting. You have all the pleasures and none of the responsibili-ties; you go to war, but you do not fight; you enter great political campaigns, but you can not be defeated; you are always with the victor and never with the van

persons, but the great majority followers are conscientious and industrious. If you only knew how--"
"That sounds as if it had been prepared

in advance," she exciaimed. that you have used it many times before. "You must not mind Sylvia," said Mrs. Grayson, smiling her grave, quiet smile. "She seldom means what she says, or says what she means."
"Aunt Anna," exclaimed Miss Morgan,

"you are really too hard upon your be-loved niece. I never before dined with the staff correspondent of a great New York newspaper, and I am really seeking information. New I wish to know if in information. Yow I wish to know if in his profession imagination is the most valuable quality, as I have heard it said."
"Do you wish to embroil me with the press so carly?" asked Mr. Grayson,

laughing.
"I have heard great tales about them camera concealed under his coat. "Why, Sylvia, what a strange thing to

say!" exclaimed Mrs. Grayson.

But Harley started in his seat and fushed a deep red. "Miss Morgan, I shall have to ask your pardon," he ex-

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson looked at them "Here is something that we do not un-

erstand," said Mr. Grayson. "Why, Uncle James, there is nothing strange about what I have said," continued Miss Morgan, with the most innocent face. "I thought all of them carried cameras, else how do we get all

Harley felt inclined to tell the entire his experience, but on second Presidency, I should like to tell the Gazette what your programme would be that is, what sort of a campaign you would conduct," said Harley, deliberately.

Mr. Grayson laughed and glanced again at his wife.

The house was quiet; he heard no one second thing the return of the boy, the hum of many voices about him rose almost to a roar, varied by the rusting of many newspapers. The place was filled with at his wife.

The house was quiet; he heard no one straint, and that she, too, felt it, but straint, and that she, too, felt it, but straint, and that she, too, felt it, but straint, and that she understood his constraint, and that she understood his constraint. An ordinary cab arrived, and Mr. and he was not willing anywhere. The light from an electric lamp in the strent has destraint, and that she understood his constraint.

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tive as yet was curiosity; the campaign had not entered upon its sharp and positive state, and the personality of Mr. have found the right place.

"We did not expect to be gone so long," She became silent, as if satisfied with the flight of the arrows that had gone already from her quiver, and seemed to like the right place. curiosity that it considered legitimate. Harley had quietly joined the Graysons, and they gave him a sincere welcome. The train sped westward through the The people unfamiliar with his face began to speculate audibly on his identity.

Grayson and of his opponent still remained to be defined clearly. "Oh, yes," said Harley; "a maid showed me in." Then he added: "I am very glad, in the region once or twice the lurking twinkle in her eye, and he was you want any more privacy I don't think most direct line across the mighty value. "Oh, yes," said Harley; "a maid showed but Harley surprised once or twice the lurking twinkle in her eye, and he was you want any more privacy I don't think for the right place.

"Oh, yes," said Harley; "a maid showed but Harley surprised once or twice the lurking twinkle in her eye, and he was you want any more privacy I don't think for the right place." "You are right, Mr. Harley," he said the surface for a space, and always he "They will be here to-morrow, ready for kept that side-look upon her. These rela-

# the Other at Intervals.

From the Boston Journal. Having on board one of the strangest steamer Trautenfels, from Calcutta and Colombo, docked at the Mystic shortly The snake was caught in the mountains

was not only Western, but far Western, and, in his opinion, there was none so wise who could tell what she would do or say. He repeated to himself the word it, not from any possibility that the repand it sounded remote, rough, tile might escape, but from force of habit.
There is no possibility of its effecting an escape, for, aside from any opportunity, correspondent, the representative of the it evidently has no inclination to get taking him for a fleeing pickpocket, should to him to stop, but he flitted by and was gone.

It was only two or three blocks to the hotel, where Mr. Grayson and Harley was running swiftlis room, and Harley was running swiftlis room, and Harley was running swiftlis room, and Harley was running swiftly but in the minute or two that elapsed much passed through his mind. After much passed through his mind. After his long stay abroad he had compact; I aking him for a fleeing pickpocket, which belonged the most of art and literation to the passed through miles of city, and the representative of the passed through miles of city, and then through suburbs growing thinner then through suburbs growing thinner then through suburbs growing then through suburbs growing then then through subu

Naturally Going that Way. From the Atlanta Constitution Cuba is just naturally gravitating to-

WALKS TO CHURCH AT 106.

# Remarkable Vitality of the Oldest Woman in Pennsylvania. From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moore Stalker, of Wilthe average height of European ladies, yet so perfect are her proportions and so graceful her carriage that she seems to need nothing to add to her majesty. Her features are vivacious and pleasing rather than beautiful. Her complexion is not yellow, but sub-olive; and her face is illuminated by orbs of jet half hidden by dark lashes, behind which lurk the smite. oh, very much work, indeed. In order to justify myself to one housekeeper I drew age from seventy to seventy-five.

a comparison of her own difficulties and With the aid of glasses, Mrs. Stalker

> and impresses every one as a sweet, hap-py, Christian woman. October, 1900, the Presbytery of Huntington met in Williamsburg and her pastor presented her to the presbytery as probably the "oldest living Presbyterian."

The presbytery rose to receive ordered a minute of the event to be placed upon the record. When the weather is favorable and her health permits she still goes to church. Her last appearance there was on September 9.

I SAW YOUR AD. IN THE HERALD

## some especially fine new daffodil, and if CHINA'S GREAT EMPRESS. 'stock" consists of only one or two

The old house seems so creep.
The rooms so dull and dead, I think I hear spocks walking

And when the flames quit blazing

My goodness, I don't dare

It's like the things pa tells about

I close my eyes up tight,
And cuddle up in his big chair,
And turn on all the light.
And my, you ought to see them scoot,
Those spooks and gebble-ums,
The witches and the things like that,
As soon as mother comes! -Milwankee Sentinel. Looks Not Over Forty, and Possesses Elegant Culture. From the World's Work.

The Chinese Empress is a trifle under dark lashes, behind which lurk the smile is all very hard and requires much work; liamsburg. Mrs. Stalker has three unof favor or the lightning of her anger. No one would take her to be more than forty years old.

scepter. With it she sends out her auto-graph commands, and with it she inscribes those pictured characters which are worn as the proudest decorations of her ministers. I have seen them in gold frames in the hall of a vicerov. The elegance of her culture excites sin-

cere admiration in a country where women are illiterate, and the breadth of her understanding is such as to take in the details of government. She chooses her agents with wise judgment, and shifts them from pillar to post so that they may not forget their dependence on ner will. Without a parallel in her own counot forget their dependence on her

vantage in the decency of her private life. Housecleaning in Land of Mikado. Marian Bonsall, in the Houseking. I never could regard housekeeping

a comparison of her own difficulties and those of an American woman; but the reads two or three chapters of the Bible American picture seemed to her so ter-She carries a tablet on which, even during a conversation, she jots memoriale and she became so deeply sympanized, which is somewhat impaired, she randa. Her pencil is the support of her their that I had to stop short to save has the use of all her faculties. She enscepter. With it she sends out her outside the support of her faculties. GOD'S COUNTRY.

From the Saturday Post.

Sing me the song of the bit and spur— The song of the smiling plain; Blow me the breeze from the mountain top, And send me the Western rain

Mine be the light of the Western stars— My breath of the fir and pine, Where youth and joy and love come back, Like the taste of a rare old wine.

So here's to the seng of the mountain stream, To the shrill of the copote's cry, And may I wake in that Western land Stead o heaven—when I die